

REPORTS

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF NASHVILLE,

FOR THE YEAR

1844----45.

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SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

IN pursuance of a requirement made by the laws of our State, the Superintending School Committee would respectfully report the results of duties and labors pertaining to that office.

At the last annual meeting, the town elected Messrs. D. D. Pratt, E. T. Merrill, and J. A. Dupee, Superintending School Committee for the year. But unfortunately for us, Mr. Dupee accepted an advantageous offer that required him, in the early part of the season, to leave town; and more unfortunate and painful still, Mr. Merrill soon became much enfeebled in health, and was for a long time confined by a distressing sickness which has terminated in death. The remaining member of the Board, feels great pleasure in bearing full and decided testimony to the ability, correct views, public spirit and zeal of the excellent men selected by the town as his associates, in the delicate, difficult and responsible duties of school committee. By these occurrences in Providence, the greatest part of the labor has necessarily devolved on one person. And although his other toils and cares have been very engrossing, he is not aware of having neglected any services required by law of his office, nor in fact has he spared any personal efforts, that, in his judgment, promised aid and interest to the schools. The schools in the several districts throughout the town, have been conducted with much harmony of feeling, and so far as the committee has been informed, with as great satisfaction as in this erring world, in the present state of society, could perhaps be reasonably expected.

DISTRICT No. I. During the Summer term the Grammar department was under the instruction of Miss Spear. She was a respectable teacher, but rather failed in attracting scholars to her school room, and then of attaching them to their studies. How far the fault was hers, it might be difficult to determine; it is possible that a little deeper interest on the part of at least a portion of the citizens of the district would have somewhat re-

moved the evil ; for it seemed to be a want of proper interest, rather than any hostility of feeling. In justice to Miss Spear, it might be remarked that the district think so highly of their deservedly popular, and very excellent teacher in the other department, that very decent qualities in this might be in danger of not meeting with a full appreciation. Miss Spear neglected to furnish the statistics of her school.

The Winter term was taught by Mr. Smith. The attendance was good, and the average number greater than usual in this school. Mr Smith succeeded well as a teacher, and gave very good satisfaction in the district. The lessons seemed to be thoroughly studied, and well understood ; a little more life and energy in reading and reciting by the classes would have made the examination a delightful one.

This district is singularly successful in retaining Miss Meriam in the primary department for so many years. Both summer and winter terms have been under her care. The school has not only retained its former high stand, in order and every other charm, but an advance has been made in the different branches of study fully equal to the enlarged expectations of the most sanguine. The reading, spelling and other lessons were all performed with uncommon accuracy.

DISTRICT. NO. II. This is much the largest in the town, having three schools in the summer and four in the winter, and all of them sufficiently full for profit, more particularly in the summer.

Upper Room. The summer term of this school was taught by Mr. Kendall, from whose reputation as a teacher and disciplinarian, the district expected much. As Mr. Kendall had no assistant, the summer term was attended, perhaps, more numerously, than is for the comfort of a teacher, or the greatest profit of the scholars, unless habits of study and order are better than can be found in most village schools. The improvement of the scholars in their respective branches of learning was very good. And though there was no direct insubordination by way of stubborn or sullen refusal to yield to every requirement when particularly and positively made ; yet the general order, more especially in the former part of the term, was rather deficient. Mr. Kendall did not appear to be wanting in effort to bring his school into a state of good decorum ; and the Superintendent was happy to observe a great improvement at the close of the term. Evenness of manner in a teacher is as useful as bursts of energy. Inconstancy of attendance on the part of quite a portion of the scholars occasioned more and greater blemishes than all other causes in this school.

The senior department is still taught by the same gentleman who was engaged for the winter, assisted by Miss Shattuck. Although the assistant was a beginner, yet possessing spirit, and great amiableness, with good literary acquirements, she has

been an efficient and valuable teacher. Mr. Kendall has had better facilities for inculcating and enforcing good order. The average attendance has been very creditable to the taste and zeal of the youth in this department, for knowledge, and the real improvement in the various branches of study, handsome. Reading, that prime article in an English education, has become in this school truly excellent. Declamation and composition are also, considering the age and opportunities of the scholars, generally, very respectable. The closing examination of this and the other schools in the same district will not take place until the present Superintendent's term of office will have expired, so that a full report of *all* the results of the school will not be expected at this time. It cannot be hazardous to add, that from present appearances the best satisfaction may be reasonably anticipated. It should be considered, however, that the recent great snows and subsequent freshets have much interrupted the attendance, and made each of the schools in the district comparatively thin.

The summer term of the medium department was commenced by Miss Ingalls, the former respected teacher. She however, in the course of the term, yielded to a request to remove to a distant place. While the school was under her charge, its appearance and progress were much as they had been in former times. No very marked alteration unless something gained in order.

Miss Marshall, a successful teacher in other places, was obtained to take Miss Ingalls's place, and the examination at the close of the term was quite satisfactory, considering that the school had changed teachers, and that Miss Marshall's acquaintance with it was so short.

The same teacher is in charge the present term, and succeeds well in managing and controlling her scholars. She has also a happy talent in making them thoroughly understand their lessons. But in nothing has the school more advanced than in its order.

The primary department during the summer was as large and prosperous as ever, under the management of Miss Wight. This lady has had charge of the same flourishing and important school for several years, and succeeds admirably in pleasing and improving the children, and amply satisfying the parents. The exercises and evidences of acquirement in her room, were much the same as former reports have set forth.

For the winter term this department was divided, and a portion of the scholars, those residing as a general thing in the near vicinity of the school house, have occupied the same room, and have been taught by Miss Spalding, a lady some accustomed to teaching, and who has good qualifications, and has given so far as the Superintendent has learned entire satisfaction.

Miss Wight, with the larger portion of the school has been occupying the Methodist Vestry. Her number of scholars has

been rather large for a place so poorly suited to a primary school. The improvement has been all that could reasonably be expected from small children in such a room, with high seats, little light, and less fresh air.

This district at its last annual meeting appropriated a sum of money sufficient for a term of instruction in penmanship. All the scholars of the district of suitable age and attainments were at liberty, very properly, to receive the advantages of it. Mr. Lane was the teacher. The time selected by the prudential committee, for the writing school, was very happily, during the autumn vacation, between the two terms of summer and winter. It was gratifying that so large a portion of the scholars in the district availed themselves of the opportunity to learn to write. They were divided into four classes, or departments, and met at the school house daily at specified hours. The success of Mr. Lane as a teacher of penmanship was very fair. Several of the writing books furnished proof of great proficiency. The Superintendent is of the opinion, that if the term could with propriety have been longer, so as to embrace, perhaps, half as many more lessons, the economy of the measure would have been greater.

DISTRICT No. III. The Summer term was kept by Miss Gould. This school though small has increased some from last year. Miss Gould is a good scholar and appeared to have improved her little flock ; yet perhaps their number and attainments were not sufficient to excite and call forth her full ability as a teacher.

In the Winter Mr Wood was employed. This gentleman manifested a laudable enterprise, and so far as the committee has ascertained gave good satisfaction. Some of the pupils in Colburn's and Adams's Arithmetic excelled. The school house in this district is greatly out of repair, and is neither ornamental nor comfortable. If a new house should not be built, this one certainly needs to be repaired without delay.

DISTRICT No. IV. In consequence of the loss of their school house by fire the last year, this district deferred having any school till the autumn, when their new and beautiful house was completed and ready for use. This house located in the forest, tastefully finished, and with conveniences and appurtenances exceeding any other in the town, presents an appearance at once pleasing, yet lonely and unique.

Miss Spalding of Nashua, was employed as teacher for the first term of eight weeks. The improvement of the scholars during this time was highly pleasing. The appearance at the close was as creditable to teacher and pupils almost as could be wished. The same teacher was at once secured to continue the school for three months longer. Miss Spalding's number is

small, and during the latter part of the winter term very much so on account of the deep and drifting snows, but her time to devote to each is much more than can be apportioned to the scholars in our larger schools. Besides, the children in this district and in No. 3, are blessed with greater freedom from temptations unfriendly to study, than are the children and youth of the village.

II. STATISTICS.

1. Books now in use, approved by the Superintending Committee.

SPELLING. National Spelling Book. North American do.

READING. Young Reader. Introduction to National Reader. National do. Gradual do. New Testament. Rhetorical Reader. Mont Vernon Reader.

GRAMMAR. Smith's.

GEOGRAPHY. Smith's New. Parley's.

ARITHMETIC. Emmerson's. Colburn's. Adams's.

HISTORY. Child's First Book of History. Goodrich's History of the United States. Worcester's History.

ALGEBRA. Day's. Colburn's.

MISCELLANEOUS. Book of Commerce. Comstock's Philosophy. Lincoln's Botany. Wilkins's Astronomy. Watts on the Mind. Comstock's Chemistry. Child's Physiology.

2. Table of Teachers, Scholars, Money, &c.

District.	Term.	Room.	Teachers.	Wages and Board per month	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Males.	Females.	Average Attendance.	Census of Scholars.	Money.
I.	1st	1	Miss Spear.	\$14 00	18	18	29	31	40	175	\$321 73
		2	Miss Meriam.	14 00	18	60	29	31	40	175	
	2d	1	Mr. Smith.	28 00	12	53	31	22	45		
		2	Miss Meriam.	14 00	12	50	26	24	35		
II.	1st	1	Mr. Kendall.	32 00	22	90	36	54	56		814 40
		2	Miss Ingalls and Miss Marshall.	16 00	22	73	30	43	53		
		3	Miss Wight.	16 00	22	98	52	46	60	461	
	2d	1	Mr. Kendall and Miss Shattuck.	46 00	15	92	57	35	62		
		2	Miss Marshall.	16 00	15	58	36	22	38		
		3	Miss Wight.	16 00	15	70	40	30	55		
III.	1st	1	Miss Gould.	10 80	10	21	10	11	12	22	83 87
		2d	Mr. Wood.	21 00	9	18	15	3	12		
IV.	1st	1	Miss Spalding.	11 00	8	22	10	12	16	19	78 57
		2d	Miss Spalding.	11 00	12						

NOTE. In those schools whose term has not quite expired, the average for the remaining small portion, it is supposed, will correspond so nearly with the past that it has been so reckoned.

III. GENERAL REMARKS.

1. *Qualifications of Teachers.* No policy can be more blind and ruinous than the employment of unfit teachers. A teacher of the young ought not only to possess an adequate knowledge of the branches usually taught; but habits of order, industry, economy and general neatness are by no means unimportant. Force of character, and evenness of temper, and sweetness of disposition, should be combined in the character of a teacher—a strict regard for honesty and truth are in no case to be dispensed with. In a word, the teacher should be in personal habits, manners and general character, a safe model for imitation. However small the compensation demanded by those of the opposite stamp, it would be wretched economy to encourage them at any price.

2. *Order in School.* A school without respectable order is worse than none. Allowing some things in themselves useful to have been learned, if it be at the expense of decorum and proper subordination, and especially if it be in connection with habits of vicious thinking and speaking, as is almost always the fact respecting schools without order; there is, on the whole, a serious loss. The property of good order in a school is one of inappreciable value. If in families and in schools, habits of order and due subordination are not explained and enforced by parents and teachers; if they are not learned and submitted to by the young, the very foundations of all good society are overthrown and rational government among men becomes a mere name.

3. *Co-operation with Teachers.* Much might be said on this topic, but a word must suffice. The perplexities and trials of faithful and efficient teachers are at this day great. Every good citizen ought, therefore, to sympathise with them, and encourage their minds and strengthen their hands, and never weaken their influence by countenancing disorganizers. This course is utterly subversive of any schools worth having, and turns a rich blessing into a great curse.

In taking leave of his fellow citizens as their school committee, the Superintendent would express deep gratitude to the several prudential committees, and to the people of the different districts, for their courtesy, and aid in the cause of popular education. He would also express his earnest desire that such plans may be adopted and pursued as shall in future greatly increase the efficiency, and augment the usefulness, of our common schools, until, by the blessing of a good Providence, they shall have achieved for our community, all those noble purposes intended by their establishment.

D. D. PRATT, } Superintending
School Committee.

Nashville, March 1, 1845.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Cash paid to wit :	
Expended under the direction of David Robinson, surveyor in District No. 1,	440 97
Expended under the direction of C. H. Reed, District No. 2,	476 77
Expended under the direction of James Roby, District No. 3,	68 75
Expended under the direction of F. Hale, District No. 4,	33 50
Abel Blood, for timber for bridge near J. Harris's,	11 80
E. W. Livingston, for blacksmithing,	4 08
S. R. Bullard, for lumber, &c.	9 28
Paid for repairing bridge on W. Concord road,	12 67
	<hr/> 1057 82

Railing and Widening Hollis Road.

Cash to wit :	
Kendrick & Tuttle, for spikes,	2 00
Ira Spalding, for rails and posts,	15 84
Shipley, Gould, Putnam and others, for land damage,	38 50
Gideon Putnam, moving wall,	3 59
J. L. Powers, for labor,	7 00
William W. Temple,	4 62
William Hale, for railing,	5 00
Hiram Woods, for labor,	62 62
B. Searles, labor, Cr. to almshouse,	39 50
	<hr/> 178 67

New Road from Gould place to Colburn's.

E. Gould, land damage,	50 00
O. Spalding, for surveying,	2 00
	<hr/> 52 00

SCHOOLS AND BUILDING SCHOOL HOUSE.

Cash paid to wit :	
District No. 1,	321 73
District No. 2,	814 40
District No. 3,	83 87
District No. 4,	78 57
Paid on tax assessed in No. 4, for new school House,	315 00
	<hr/> 1613 57

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Cash paid to wit :

C. T. Gill, for book for fire wards,	2 00
C. A. Brigham, for taking care of Engine No. 1,	15 00
I. Bagley for blacking &c.	10 50
E. W. Jones, blacksmithing,	1 34
J. D. Jones, for lamp filler, &c.	1 79
E. A. Clark, for ladders, &c.	3 95
Beriah Blood, for building seats, &c.	7 18
S. Atwood's bill, fixing Engine room,	3 08
	<hr/> 44 84

MILITARY.

Cash paid to wit :

Bills allowed by vote of town to the Nashua Guards,	15 00
Bills allowed by vote of town to the Nashville Greys,	13 00
Paid soldiers on the muster field, &c.	56 25
Paid soldiers returned in 1843,	15 00
Paid soldiers returned in 1844,	55 00
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PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Cash paid to wit :

C. T. Gill, for Collector's book,	1 00
J. Buffum, for book for poor farm, &c.	6 36
A. E. Thayer, for school books, &c.	2 23
Albin Beard's bill for printing reports and cheek list,	21 50
	<hr/> 31 09

ALMS-HOUSE.

Cash paid to wit :

Hugh Jones for cow and heifer,	33 00
Elias Conant, for Cow,	25 00
S. Spalding for bed, and bill paid Wheat and Goodrich,	7 96
Hiram Woods for Bedstead,	1 00
Benjamin Searles for oxen, cow, shoats, provi- sions, &c.	224 40
Abel Blood for horse cart,	45 00
Benjamin Searles, cash,	10 00
Town of Nashua, for hay, &c.	58 27
Phinehas W. Prescott, for harness, &c.	17 25
Benjamin Burke, for wagon,	45 00
Benjamin Searles, for horse,	100 00
Phinehas W. Prescott, for halter, &c.	1 25
William G. Smith, for medical services,	14 58

S. Merrill for pork,	3 92
Benjamin Searles on account of Salary,	175 00
Amos Green, for labor,	74 24
Walter Blodgett, for cow,	20 00
S. Merrill, for bedding,	14 75
S. W. Abbott, for furniture.	22 66
J. Reed, for rye,	3 75
Fletcher & Wyman, for soap,	12 75
George W. Perham's bill,	44 32
Timothy Gay's bill,	53 37
Reuben Goodrich's bill,	27 46
H. F. Courser's bill,	31 13
J. L. Doty's bill,	11 88
Chase & Shattuck's bill,	9 49
Reed & Spalding's bill,	64 07
E. W. Livingston's bill,	11 15
A. & N. McKean's bill,	51 01
Hugh Jameson's bill,	10 06
Kendrick & Tuttle's bill,	36 14
B. Searles, bal. on settlem't, bills paid, 235 68	
Produce sold and credited,	204 06—31 62
	<hr/> 1291 48

Deduct the following receipts.

Timothy Gay,	1 75
Reuben Goodrich,	8 75
H. F. Courser,	1 00
J. L. Doty,	2 50
Reed & Spalding,	13 35
E. W. Livingston,	4 25
Hugh Jameson,	1 00
Kendrick & Tuttle,	2 92
J. Rockwood,	2 30
Manure due from French & Twist, for hay,	16 41
Received for County paupers kept at poor farm up to October,	41 55
Due from Mrs Taylor, in ox labor,	2 67
Labor done on Hollis road,	39 50
Wood sold to J. Little,	28 00
Old wheels sold to Newton,	2 00
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PAUPERS OTHER THAN ALMS-HOUSE.

Cash paid to wit :

J. Rockwood, for clothing for Lora Putnam,	5 00
H. Putnam, for keeping children,	19 67
S. Merrill, for coffin for Butterfield girl,	2 00
D. Wallace, digging grave, &c.	2 50
Sally Butterfield, for support of mother, &c.	7 50
William Butterfield, for support of mother,	5 62

Relief to Mrs. Leland's family,	17 25	
Relief to Joseph Butterfield,	7 00	
Gilman Foot, for keeping father, mother, and sister,	50 00	
Town of Francestown, for relief to S. Foot,	34 33	
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COUNTY PAUPERS.

Cash paid to wit :		
N. H. Asylum, for support of Mary McCain,	95 46	
Elisha R. Hosley, for support of mother,	20 00	
J. G. Graves, for medical attendance,	12 75	
Sundry small bills paid by A. Greeley,	15 60	
Wm. V. Magoon, medical attendance on Mrs. Farwell,	15 00	
Wm. Fletcher, for keeping Mrs. Farwell,	12 52	
Micah Eldridge's Bill,	4 25	
J. G. Graves, for attendance on Miss Lovering,	2 00	
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TOWN OFFICERS.

Cash paid to wit :		
Robert Moore, services as town Clerk,	28 94	
Z. Shattuck, services as town Treasurer,	25 00	
Alfred Greeley, services as Selectman,	99 00	
Solomon Spalding, services as Selectman,	90 00	
Stephen Atwood, services as Selectman,	24 37	
E. T. Merrill's bill as school committee,	4 00	
D. D. Pratt's bill as school committee,	25 75	
Mark Gillis, Collector,	101 06	
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Cash paid to wit :		
J. Rockwood for painting guide boards, &c.	4 52	
J. Reed for horse hire,	9 71	
B. F. Emerson, for services,	6 00	
Abbot & Fox, for services,	7 56	
Gideon Putnam, for breaking roads,	15 34	
Town of Nashua, for repairing hearse and hearse house,	25 07	
H. Woods, for keeping poor, bal due April 1,	114 50	
Hiram Woods, allowance by vote of town,	100 00	
Paid by A. Greeley, for defending Mine Falls road,	10 66	
J. E. & A. Greeley, rent of hall and room,	45 00	
James Hale, for Breaking roads,	17 17	
Town of Nashua, for taxes,	33 05	
James Hale allowance on road by vote of town,	35 00	

Jesse Crosby, for repairing ploughs,	3 00
Samuel Merrill, for services, &c.	6 50
Hunneman's bill for fireward badges,	10 90
E. D. Clark for damage,	3 00
Stephen Kendrick, services 2 days as witness,	4 00
E. Emerson for perambulating town line,	2 00
Beriah Blood, for services as police officer,	3 00
Interest on town Orders,	52 97
Abatements on over assessments,	4 24
D. Robinson for locating school house,	2 50
Solomon Spalding, for horse hire,	8 87
Expense of S. Spalding and horse to Weare,	4 38
Paid for incidental expenses,	1 50
Paid for guide posts, &c.	1 50
Pettingill & Andrews, whitewashing, &c.	12 60
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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 7, 1844,	87 45
Amount of Taxes assessed,	5709 91
School House tax in District No. 4,	330 57
Rec'd of State Treasurer, rail road tax,	561 41
Literary Fund,	102 57
Nashville's proportion of the Robbins place,	211 50
Rec'd for support of county paupers April term,	147 50
Rec'd " " " " Oct. term,	123 13
Rec'd for wood sold J. Little,	28 00
Rec'd for wheels sold Newton,	2 00
Rec'd of David Robinson, money not expended,	23 45
Rec'd of Nashua for cost on surplus revenue note,	4 37
Rec'd in labor on Hollis road by Alms-house,	39 50
Rec'd produce in payment of bills charged to Alms-house.	37 82
Surplus revenue collected by A. F. Sawyer,	262 20
Rec'd of F. P. Lund,	26 00
Two town orders outstanding,	400 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Highways and Bridges,	1057 82
Railing and widening Hollis road,	178 67
New Road,	52 00
Schools and School House,	1613 57
Fire Department,	44 84
Military,	154 25
Printing and Stationery,	31 09
Alms-house,	1291 48
Paupers other than Alms-house,	150 87
County Paupers,	177 58

Town Officers,	398 12	
Miscellaneous,	544 54	
State Tax,	717 60	
County Tax,	1043 63	
Paid old order,	300 00	
Town Tax outstanding in Mark Gillis's list,	218 16	
School House Tax, do. do.	42 90	261 06
[About \$200 of the above tax is available.]		
Balance in Treasury,	80 26	8097 38
Amount outstanding,	\$400 00	
Deduct available taxes,	200 00	
Amount in Treasury,	80 26	
	280 26	
Balance against the Town,		\$119 74

INVOICE OF STOCK, PROVISIONS, &c. at the Alms-house, February 17, 1845.

1 pair oxen,	75 00	1 bbl. salted cucumbers,	2 50
4 cows,	100 00	7 meal bags,	1 40
1 bull,	11 00	1 drag,	1 00
1 horse,	100 00	2 ox yokes,	1 50
10 shoats,	54 00	1 ox yoke, irons and bows,	3 00
Poultry,	2 50	1 saw horse, 1 shave horse,	1 50
7 tons English hay, at \$11,	77 00	1 bushel salt and bbl.	50
4 tons hay at \$8,	32 00	50 bushels English turnips,	5 00
Lot of corn fodder,	15 00	45 heads cabbages,	2 00
3 tons straw,	12 00	16 lights window glass,	48
1 gig wagon and harness,	60 00	1 fry pan,	25
1 horse cart and harness,	53 00	Square, compass, and augurs,	2 90
1 ox sled,	4 00	1 nail hammer,	75
1 horse sled,	4 00	1 wood saw and frame,	1 25
2 wheelbarrows,	3 00	Brush, curry comb and card,	70
1 winnowing mill,	4 00	3 axes, 1 hatchet,	4 00
130 bushels corn, at 70c.	91 00	Lead pipe,	47
30 bushels rye at 4s.	20 00	1 string of bells,	1 25
36 bushels oats at 2s 3d.	13 50	2 whips,	1 00
39 bushels buckwheat at 3s.	19 50	1 shave and rope,	25
1 bushel colored beans,	1 00	4 shovels, 1 spade, 2 forks,	5 25
8 1-2 bushels white beans,	12 75	3 scythes and snathes,	2 75
Grass seed,	2 00	6 scythe snathes, 2 sickles,	1 50
Blanket and sircinole,	1 50	1 grain cradle,	4 00
2 ladders, 2 flails, and hay hook,	1 50	6 pitch forks,	2 00
4 ploughs,	23 00	9 rakes,	1 50
1 cultivator,	5 00	1 harrow,	5 00
Hay rigging,	2 00	5 hoes,	1 25
2 scrapers,	3 00	2 dung hooks,	1 00
1 grind stone, crank, and frame,	3 50	Wood not cut on the farm,	12 00
Vinegar and cask,	3 00	Flour,	3 75
2 molasses hhd.	75	Meal,	2 50
20 galls. vinegar and barrel,	3 50	Sole leather,	2 50
2 wash forms,	50	8 baskets,	3 00
Fine salt and bag,	1 25	3 wash boards,	37
1 nest measures,	58	71 1-2 lbs. dried apples, at 4c.	2 86

1 clock,	1 00	2 barrels and soap,	5 25
3 pairs shoes,	3 00	6 stoves and funnel for the same,	50 00
7 bed steads,	11 75	1 1-2 bushel onions,	75
4 feather beds, 6 straw beds		Wash tubs, firkins, wooden bowl,	2 50
and bedding,	65 00	2 tables,	2 25
3 whet stones,	17	30 lbs. sausages,	2 70
Books,	1 00	Churn, tray, and chopping knife,	3 42
Matches, thread and buttons,	1 14	10 large earthen pots,	1 00
Knives and forks, spoons		100 lbs. lard,	9 00
and knife box,	1 50	47 lbs. butter,	7 50
5 wooden pails,	1 00	Stone pot and jugs,	75
1 coffee mill,	50	Soap grease and pots,	2 00
40 lbs. fresh meat,	2 40	Meat form,	25
375 lbs. pork, at 8c.	30 00	2 looking glasses,	67
150 lbs. salt beef, at 41-2	6 75	Crockery and glass ware,	6 13
5 meat barrels,	5 00	Sad irons and fry pan,	2 00
180 lbs. pork legs & shoulders	12 60	12 chairs,	4 80
2 tubs and shad,	2 00	Oil cloth, razor and brush,	1 50
Cheese,	2 49	Groceries,	6 00
2 cupboards,	3 75	1 nest boxes,	40
8 galls. molasses and keg,	2 90	2 pairs shovel and tongs,	75
6 flour bbls. and pickle tub,	1 37	Lot of ashes,	2 00
9 bbls cider and casks,	14 00	1 chest and cider barrel,	1 50
276 bushels potatoes, at 25c.	68 75	7 benches,	5 25
20 bushels rutabaga,	5 00	Axletree and tongue,	1 00
2 bushels beets, at 2s.	67	Halter and harrow frame,	1 50
2 bushels parsnips, at 2s.	67	Tin ware,	14 00

Total, \$1277 02

Deduct balance of expenditures of Almshouse, 1123 53

Deduct expense of paupers other than Almshouse, 150 87

1274 40

Balance in favor of Almshouse,

\$2 62

ALFRED GREELEY, } Selectmen
 SOLOMON SPALDING, } of
 STEPHEN ATWOOD. } Nashville.

Nashville, March 6, 1845.

The undersigned, a committee appointed by the Town, for the purpose of auditing the accounts of the Selectmen for the current year, have attended to that duty, and found all money paid by them properly vouched, and money credited duly accounted for.

HUGH JAMESON.

STEPHEN KENDRICK.

March 5, 1845.

REMARKS.

The foregoing is the result of our financial operations the past year, which is quite as favorable as we anticipated before we commenced our report. After the article for raising money was disposed of at the last annual meeting, and since that time, the town have voted to give individuals who profess a great share of shrewdness in making bargains, about \$150, in consequence (as they said) of making hard bargains, but we doubt very much whether the generosity of those individuals would have prompted them to have deducted any thing from their bills in case of a

good bargain ; and we deem the precedent a bad one, as there will always be enough to complain, so long as the town continue their liberality. This, and \$50 paid for land damage on the new road from E. Gould's to C. Colburn's are items not calculated upon in the raising of money. It will take about \$100 to complete the above road, and we deem it of sufficient public convenience to warrant the laying out.

The new road leading to Hollis, built last year, like all new roads, needed considerable labor in order to satisfy the public, which together with the widening of the road between the new road and the Hollis line, has been an expense of about \$200 above what was raised for repairs of highways.

Considering that our alms-house commenced new, and destitute of stock, tools, provisions, and furniture, we think that the result cannot but be satisfactory to every one. The skilful and judicious management of Mr. Searles and wife, the superintendents, reflects much credit on themselves and the establishment.

Should the coming season be favorable for a crop as the past has been, we feel, that with the same good management which we trust the long experience of the new superintendents, (Dea. Edward Spalding and wife, of Billerica, Mass.) who came to us highly recommended, will show the result to be a balanced account, if not an income over all the pauper expenses and the salary of the superintendent.

Mr. Searles has prepared about 200 loads of compost manure and spread upon the grass land the past fall, which we deem an improvement, and one which should be continued, as the farm affords abundant and easy facilities for improvements of this kind. The number of paupers the year past has ranged from 9 to 20, equal to an average of about 13, who have been supported by the farm, and a balance left sufficient to cover the expense of those not supported at the alms-house. There will be due from the County on the 1st of April, for paupers supported at the alms-house, an amount about equal to that which will be due on contracts for support of paupers other than at the alms-house. The final result for support of paupers for one year is the keeping of those now at the alms-house, from the time of taking the invoice to the first of April, (less than one and a half month,) and the balance on Mr Searles's salary, \$125, and the interest on the cost of the farm, a fair estimate of which would not vary much from \$425.

The new valuation and apportionment of the public tax, makes it incumbent on the town to raise \$300 more school money this year than has ever been raised before. The State and County tax will also be increased nearly \$300.

The final result shows the town to be something more than \$100 in debt, over and above its available funds. But the amount of stock, provisions, &c. on hand at the alms-house shows the town at least \$1600 better off than one year ago, and that with a lower tax than any other town in the County.